

Outcome Gaps in Indiana

Infant Mortality 2023

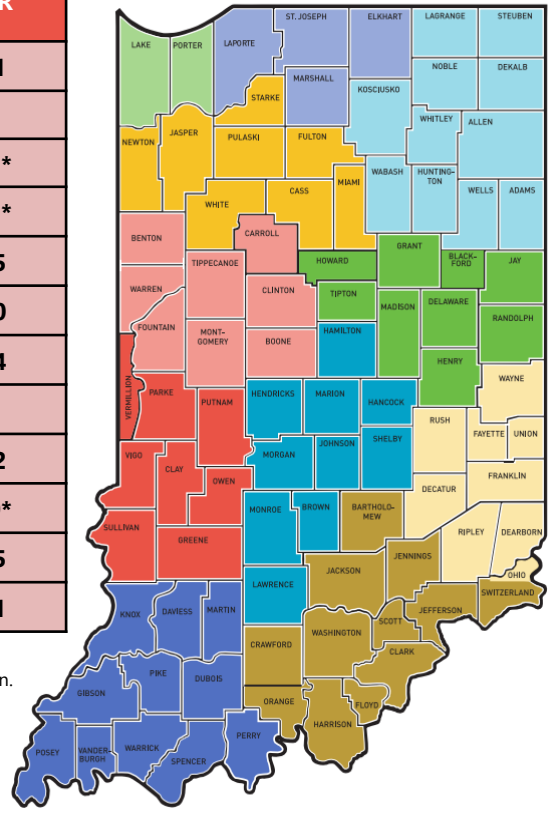


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What is infant mortality?

- Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life, per 1,000 live births
- If Indiana (6.6) had the same IMR as the U.S (5.6), about 82 more babies would have survived in 2023

2019 – 2023				
HOSPITAL REGION	IMR	NH WHITE IMR	NH BLACK IMR	HISPANIC IMR
CENTRAL	6.7	4.8	10.9	7.1
CENTRAL SOUTHWESTERN	7.6	7.0	18.3*	**
EASTERN	7.8	6.8	17.3	6.2*
MIDWESTERN	6.1	6.0	**	6.2*
NORTHEASTERN	7.0	6.0	16.9	8.5
NORTHERN	7.8	6.0	18.3	7.0
NORTHWESTERN	6.3	4.1	11.4	6.4
SOUTHEASTERN	6.1	6.1	**	**
SOUTHERN	6.2	5.7	17.7*	8.2
SOUTHWESTERN	6.1	5.5	15.1	3.9*
WESTERN	6.0	4.7	18.9	9.5
INDIANA	6.7	5.5	13.0	7.1



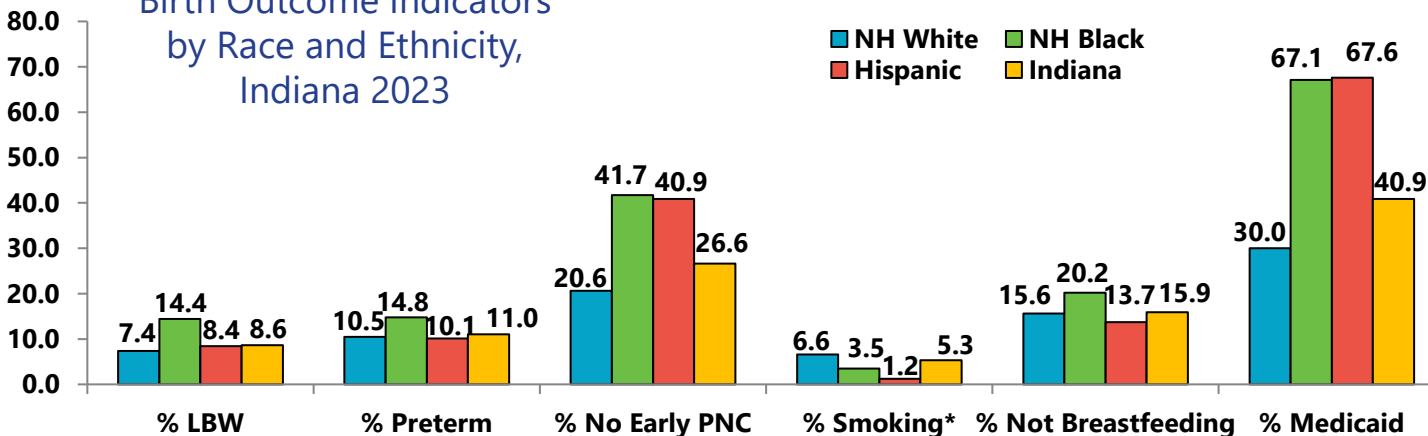
* Rates based on counts fewer than 20 are considered unstable and should be interpreted with caution.
 ** Rates based on counts fewer than 5 were suppressed.

Outcome Gaps Defined

- In 2023, Non-Hispanic (NH) Black babies in Indiana were more than twice as likely to die in the first year of life than NH White babies.
- In Indiana in 2023, the NH White IMR was 5.1 per 1,000 live births, the Hispanic IMR was 7.0 per 1,000 live births, and the NH Black IMR was 13.8 per 1,000 live births.
- If NH Black infants had the same IMR as NH White infants, 85 additional NH Black infants would have survived in 2023. If the Hispanic IMR matched the NH White rate, about 21 more Hispanic infants would have survived.
- There is also a difference at the national level. In the United States in 2023, the NH White IMR was 4.5, the Hispanic IMR was 5.0, and the NH Black IMR was 10.9. NH Black babies in the United States are more than two times likely to die before their first birthday than NH White babies.

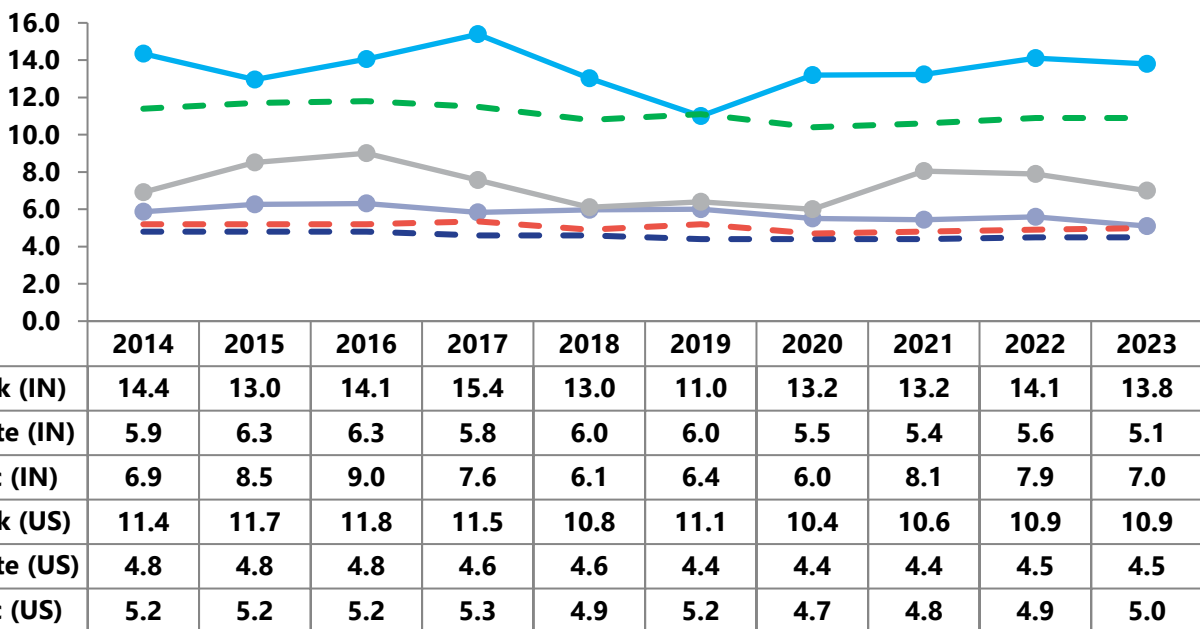
These differences have been persistent in Indiana and the nation.

Birth Outcome Indicators by Race and Ethnicity, Indiana 2023



*Due to a change in reporting methods, smoking during pregnancy should not be compared to previous years data.

Infant Mortality Rates by Race and Ethnicity, 2014-2023



Causes of Infant Mortality by Race and Ethnicity, Indiana 2023

